

Minutes of...Meeting to Discuss Policy Council

Details

Date: May 28, 2008

Time: noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino

Attendees

- Charles Adams, Community Action Partnership
 - Rick Arden, Probation Department
 - DeAnna Avey-Motikeit, Department of Children's Services
 - Amy Cousineau, Children's Network
 - Ron Griffin, Preschool Services Department
 - Linda Haugan, Human Services Administration
 - Margaret Hill, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
 - Stacy Iverson, First 5 San Bernardino
 - Allan Rawland, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Robin Sherman-Young, Courts
 - Lisha Smith, 5th District Board of Supervisors
 - Rebecca Stafford, Children's Fund
 - Sue Taylor, Children's Network
 - Nancy Swanson, Transitional Assistance Department
 - Beatriz Valdez, Grants Coordinator – CAO
 - Greg Zerovnik, San Bernardino County Library
 - Mike Schertell, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Coley Bowman, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Brenda Perez, Probation Department
 - Tammy Williams, Children's Network
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Meeting purpose

Linda Haugan convened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Judge Slough is at a conference in Missouri. Self-introductions were made. **A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. A motion was made by Ron Griffin and seconded by Nancy Swanson to approve the minutes as they were submitted.**

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Decision
Welcome and Introductions	Haugan

Approval of Agenda	Haugan
Approval of April 2008 Minutes	Haugan
Children's Fund Report	Stafford
Children's Network Report	Cousineau
Wraparound Update – SB163	Avey-Motikeit
MHSA Success First	Rawland/Gomez
SB 81 – Gateway Program	Brenda Perez
Discussion/action item on CAPIT contracts	Avey-Motikeit
Discussion/action item on PSSF contracts	Avey-Motikeit
Other Announcements	All
Public Comment	

**Key points:
Children's
Fund Report**

The following highlights were given:

- Rebecca Stafford introduced a new staff person, Marty Sellers. Marty holds the Community and Program Developer position. He comes from South Coast Children's Society and is very familiar with public agencies, and the Wraparound Program.
- Rebecca mentioned they just received another shipment of 1,400 bags that have toiletry, blankets, toys, and stuffed animals. The bags will be distributed to children in transition.
- They are busy starting to work on the Christmas campaign. There have been discussions with Children's Fund Board members about warehouse space for Christmas. Rebecca asked that if anyone present has some warehouse space with a loading dock that would be available for his or her use of the Christmas campaign.

**Key points:
Children's
Network
Report**

The following highlights were given:

- Amy Cousineau mentioned Children's Network, CSUSB, First 5 San Bernardino, and TBS Mental Health Services are hosting a one-day conference with Dr. Bruce Perry. Please encourage staff to call Children's Network to register.
- June 30th will be the Strategic Planning for Policy Council event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- All Policy Council members will be receiving an agenda, some historical documents, and homework items. Harder and Company will be facilitating.
- Department of Behavioral Health will be having the state of the department on June 30th starting at 2:30 p.m., so Allan Rawland will have to leave early.
- A Safely Surrender Babies subcommittee has been formed and will have the first meeting on June 10th, if you are interested in attending please contact Tammy Williams.
- Sue Taylor of Children's Network stated Children's Network has partnered with First 5 San Bernardino and were able to hand out thousands of posters as well as brochures in English and Spanish for the Safely Surrendered Babies campaign. San Antonio Hospital started their Safely Surrendered Babies campaign back in 2006. Through San Antonio Hospital they distributed 500 videos on the topic of teen girls pregnant with trust issues. Information has been sent to all the TAD (Transitional Assistance Department) and WIC (Women Infant Care) offices. Sue mentioned that Children's Network has partnered with Debbie Faris-Cifelli of the Safely Surrender Babies network over the last 10 years.

**Key notes:
Wraparound
Update – SB
163**

The following highlights were given:

- DeAnna Avey-Motikeit stated that currently there are 134 children enrolled in the Wraparound Program – (87 from Department of Children's Services, 11 from Department of Behavioral Health, and 69 from the Probation Department).
 - As of July 2007 through May 27, 2008 the following numbers comes from children completing the Wraparound Program – (84 from Department of Children's Services, 11 from Department of Behavioral Health, and 69 from the Probation Department).
 - DeAnna mentioned that the contracts for Wraparound have not been officially awarded. One change added this time around is to expand family finding activities.
 - There was some further discussion about how many cases are out-of-state in placements and how can the family finding work for case planning.
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**Key points:
MHSA Success
First**

The following highlights were given:

- Allan Rawland stated that the MHSA Success First Program through DBH (Department of Behavioral Health) compliments the Wraparound Program and has 200 slots.
- Currently there are 166 slots filled, but there can be expansion due to additional need.
- Andy Gruchy oversees the program as it compliments the Children's Crisis Response Team.
- Generally children are enrolled in the services for three to four months, but can be extended if needed.
- The funding for this program comes through Medi-Cal and MHSA (Mental Health Services Act).
- There are currently five contractors and most of them are 163 contractors as well.
- The legal status of the family is an issue for this program.
- Mike Schertell mentioned that the Crisis Response Team are the first responders and are the gatekeepers for referrals into the Success First program.
- The telephone numbers countywide for the Children's Crisis Response Team are: East Valley (909) 421-9410; West Valley (909) 458-9628; High Desert (760) 245-6698; and Morongo Basin (760) 987-4300.

**Key points: SB
81 Gateway
Program**

The following highlights were given:

- Brenda Perez of the Probation Department presented the following information on the SB 81 Gateway Program: 1) There are four major components of the law – WIC 733, WIC 731.1, WIC 1766 (6) and WIC 1767.35.
 - Several of the youth kept on Juvenile Probation were successful in getting their G.E.D.
 - The Probation Officer can make the recommendations at court, for dismissal or require further stipulations. Examples of some services they can provide are; help in enrolling in school, medication, counseling, driver license, etc.
 - Ms. Perez mentioned that this year the Probation Department was assigned 68 minors; 24 that had been released from institutions, 15 dismissed by DJJ (Division of Juvenile Justice), and 29 remaining in institutions.
 - The Gateway Program is located at the Regional Education Youth Facility, 740 E. Gilbert Street. They offer many services such as residential beds for juvenile males. They can be housed from 6 months to 9 months.
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**Key points:
Discussion
Action item
regarding the
CAPIT awards**

The following highlights were given:

- DeAnna mentioned that a motion is needed to accept the recommendations for the CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention Intervention Treatment) awards.
 - The funding for the CAPIT is shrinking from the State.
 - **A motion was made by Ron Griffin and seconded by Amy Cousineau to forward the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. DeAnna stated the board agenda item is scheduled for June 17th.**
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**Key points:
Discussion
Action item
regarding the
PSSF awards**

The following highlights were given:

- DeAnna stated that this funding comes from the Federal Government. It has \$268,000 less money in this funding cycle.
 - Along with the 5 awardees some of the funding will be spent on PAS (Post Adoption Service).
 - This item goes before the Board of Supervisors on June 17th.
 - It was suggested that the gaps in service need to be identified and possibly Policy Council members could assist with that activity before the next RFP (Request For Proposals) goes out.
 - There was further discussion about the CAPIT and PSSF funding comes from a variety of sources; Federal government, State Government, County government, and birth certificate monies.
 - **A motion was made Ron Griffin and seconded by Amy Cousineau to forward the Board Agenda items for the meeting on June 17th.**
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**Key points:
Other**

The following highlights were given:

- Mr. Greg Zerovnik mentioned that the County Library has opened several new branches around the County. They are particularly proud of the new library in the city of Highland as it was built a new green building with lots of activities for children. Further details were listed in the packet from a newspaper article.
 - Margaret Hill wanted to remind everyone that the new library in Highland is located next to the Highland YMCA, which has a recreation program.
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**Key points:
Public
Comment**

None

Next Meeting There will not be a regularly scheduled meeting on June 25th due to the Dr. Bruce Perry training. The next meeting will be the Strategic Planning session on June 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DCS (Department of Children's Services) Children's Conference Center, 128 Carousel Mall, San Bernardino.
